



# City of Atlanta

## Department of Public Works

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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#### Residential Curbside Recycling Program

- The City provides weekly, residential curbside collection of recyclable materials from approximately 87,000 single-family residents. Approximately 7,000 tons of recyclables are collected and diverted from the landfill each year.

#### “E-Waste” and Special Items Recycling

- The City currently offers a drop-off center for “E-Waste” recycling at the William B. Hartsfield Solid Waste Reduction Plant. “E-Waste” accepted includes cell phones, computers, monitors, electronics, televisions, stereos, fluorescent light tubes and chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) refrigerants.

#### Yard Trimmings Recycling

- The City of Atlanta collects yard trimmings on a bi-weekly basis. yard trimmings are taken to a chipping, grinding, and staging area. The processed yard waste is then sent to various mills in the Southeast to be used as boiler fuel and energy. Over 20,800 tons a year of yard trimmings are recycled for energy use.

#### “Bring One for the Chipper” Christmas Tree Recycling Program

- In January 2006, the City participated in the 15th Annual “Bring One for the Chipper,” a program that recycled Christmas trees after the holidays. Collected trees were chipped into mulch or used for various wildlife habitats and made available free of charge for public beautification projects. Participants received a free dogwood seedling.

#### Solid Waste Management Planning Advisory Group (SWMPAG)

- Last fall, the City of Atlanta invited 15 people representing a broad spectrum of residential and commercial interests in Atlanta to form an advisory group to help the City plan for its long range management of solid waste and continue to be a best in class city for many years to come.

#### 10-Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Master Plan

- The City updated its 10-year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan last year, which includes over 70 existing and new programs to help the City

#### Motor Transport Services

- Contracted with vendors to provide Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for the City's seventy-seven CNG vehicles.



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